wherever advantageous, on considerations of time schedule and economic viability, certain chemicals, hardware, components and parts are imported on a commercial basis, and launch services procured. There is no external financial assistance for the programme.

Low Central Investment in Kerala

2476. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central investment in Kerala is very low as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) what is the mode of central investment in States in various sectors;

(d) the total Central investment in States, State-wise; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to change the present mode of selection of investment in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Central investment is made for the country as a whole keeping the National priorities in view. It is neither planned nor accounted state-wise.

(e) Keeping in view the national priority, the proposal of Government of Kerala in this regard, as and when received will be considered on merit.

Power Rates of Private Companies

2477. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power rates contemplated under the power purchaseagreements signed with different private companies who have undertaken to set up power plants in different States and the power rates to be charged from consumers of various categories;

(b) the details of power generating capacity to be installed and the nature of fuel to be used by each firm; and

(c) the stage of Central Government clearance of the respective projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) The power purchase agreement (PPA) is a contract between the State Electricity Board (SEBs) and the independent power producers (IPPs) and usually covers the modalities for purchase/sale of power negotiated between the two parties. The power rates to be charged from various categories of consumers are fixed by the State Government/State Electricity Boards.

The Government have only stipulated certain ceiling parameters/norms for fixation of tariff vide its notification dated 30.3.1992 within which the States have to negotiate the tariff with IPPs.

As per information available 23 PPAs have been negotiated between IPPs and SEBs, the details of which are in the statement.

Statement

Details of private power projects with signed PAs

SI. No.	Name of Project	LC. (MW)	Type of fuel	Stage of Government Clearance
Andhra Pradesh				
1.	Godavari	208	Natural Gas	TEC
2.	Jegurupadu GBPP	216	Natural Gas	TEC
3.	Krishnapatnam 'A' TPS	500	Coal	DPR yet to be furnished to CEA by IPP
4.	Krishnapatnam 'B' TPS	500	Coal	-do-
5.	Ramagundam	500	Coal	-do
6.	Visakhapatnam TPS	1000	Coal	TEC
Arunachal Pradesh				
7.	Kharsang GBPP	48	Natural Gas	Cleared by SE State Government
Assam				
8.	Amguri GBPP	280	Natural Gas	DPR yet to be furnished to CEA by IPP
Gujarat				
9.	Hazira CCPP	515	Natural Gas/ Naphtha	TEC
10.	Paguthan GBPP	655	Natural Gas	TEC
Karnataka				
11.	Mangalore TPS	1000	Coal	TEC
Maharashtra				
12.	Bhadrawati TPS	1072	Coal	TEC
13.	Dabhol CCGT	2015	Natural Gas/ Naphtha	TEC
14.	Nagathone GBPP	410	Natural Gas	DPR yet to be furnihsed to CEA by IPP
Madhya Pradesh				
15.	Bhander Duah Fuel TPS	330	Naphtha/ Natural Gas	-do
16.	Korba East TPS	1000	Coal	-do-
17.	Korba West Extn.	420	Coal	-do-
18.	Maheshwar HEP	400	Hydro Electric Project	TEC

SI. No.	Name of Project	LC. (MW)	Type of fuel	Stage of Government Clearance
Orissa				
19.	Duburi TPS	500	Coal	DPR yet to furnished to
20.	lb Valley TPS	420	Coal	CEA by IPP TEC
21.	Lapanga TPS	500	Coal	DPR yet to furnished to CEA by IPP
Tamil Nadu			i	
22.	Pillai Peru Malnallur	320	Natural Gas/	TEC
23.	Zero Unit (NLC)	250	Naphtha Lignite	TEC

TEC: Techiioeconomicatly cleared by CEA
DPR: Detailed project report.

Pending proposals for private power projects in Kerala

2478. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER; be pleased to state:

(a) whetherany proposal to set up private power projects in Kerala is pending for clearance, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps are taken to •privatise the power sector and the number of projects started in the private sector so far in the country; and

(c) what is the response from the private sector to invest in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) NO detailed project report for private sector project in Kerala is presentlypending in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance. '

(b) In the context of paucity of resources with Central/State Public Sector Undertakings and State Electricity Boards and to bridge the gap between the repidly growing demand for electricity and supply, a policy to encourage greater investments by private enterprises in the power sector with the objective of mobilising additional resources for capacity addition in power generation and distribution, had been formulated in1991 and is currently under implementation. The policy is revised from time to*'time to address the needs of promoters and state authorities with a view to make it more effective. As per information availble, 12 projects in the private sector are presently at various stages of execution in the country.

(c) The response of the private sector to the private power policy is encouraging.

Coal based Power Plant in Orissa

2479. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: .

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a coal based power plant at lb Valley in Orissa;

(b) whether the project was proposed to be set np^{rT}incollaboration of the GOwrr^neat' of Orissa and American Company, AES;

(c) whether any agreement has been made in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?